

**Weekly Status & Information Report:  
Week of July 30 - August 3, 2007**

- 1. New Hampshire Avenue and Carroll Avenue Bus Stop Improvements (Wards 1,2, 3 and 6):** Montgomery County Public Works will be continuing to make physical improvements, including curb ramps and median reconfiguration, to bus stops along New Hampshire Avenue next week and begin work on bus stops on Carroll Avenue at the intersections of Tulip Avenue and Laurel Avenue. The improvements will make the stops more accessible, safe, and comfortable for transit riders. For more information, please contact David Suls at 301-891-7219. *(Housing and Community Development)*
- 2. Tenant Committee on Legislative Issues to Meet (City wide):** The first meeting of the committee was held on Thursday, August 2. The group plans to meet again on Thursday, August 9, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. to discuss recommendations to the City and County Councils on proposed changes to the State Condominium Conversion Law. Please plan to attend this meeting if you want to be actively involved in recommending legislative changes to this law. For further information, please contact Suzanne Ludlow at 301-891-7229. *(Housing and Community Development)*
- 3. Mark your Calendars - New Hampshire Avenue Design Charrette August 14 - 20 (Wards 2, 3, and 6):** In mid-August, the City will be working with the community to create a new vision for the New Hampshire Corridor. The upcoming design charrette - a comprehensive planning process in which community representatives assist in the development of the new vision - is one of several the City has undertaken this past year to facilitate the redevelopment of this important commercial corridor. The week-long charrette will begin on Tuesday, August 14 and will run through Monday, August 20. Members of the public are welcome to stop by the design studio at the Community Center at any point during the charrette. Participants will be given an opportunity to work with a team of urban designers, architects, a traffic engineer, an urban ecologist, and a market analyst to create a detailed area build-out plan for several commercially zoned properties along the corridor. A new streetscape plan and roadway configuration for New Hampshire Avenue will be developed. The project area includes all commercially zoned properties sited along New Hampshire Avenue, between Eastern Avenue and Sligo Creek Parkway. More detailed information on the upcoming charrette can be found at <http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/gateway/index.html>. *(Housing and Community Development)*
- 4. City Office Hours:** As a reminder, the City building will not be closed this weekend, as was mistakenly printed in the August edition of the City newsletter. *(Executive Assistant)*
- 5. Safe Takoma Meeting:** On Wednesday, August 1, Chief Ricucci met with Commander Hilton Burton of the Metropolitan Police Department and leaders of Safe Takoma to discuss mediation training. *(Police)*
- 6. Officers in Training:** On August 1, Sgt. Frishkorn, Cpl. Roush, Cpl. John and Cpl. Cannatella attended a training session called "School Active Shooter Exercise 2007" at Clarksburg High School in Clarksburg, Maryland. Observing the exercise were Chief Ricucci, Lt. Cipperly, A/Lt. Collington and A/Sgt. Poole. Captain Ed Coursey attended the Emergency Operations Center session of the training. On August 2 and 3, A/Lt.

Collington, Sgt. Frishkorn, Cpl. Smith and Pvt. Quante trained to be instructors on tasers in Frederick, Maryland. *(Police)*

**7. Traffic Enforcement:** Officers conducted at least 58 traffic stops this week, many of which resulted in citations. Additionally, the traffic stops resulted in five vehicle impounds and one DUI arrest. *(Police)*

**8. CSAFE:** The Maryland International Corridor CSAFE, in collaboration with various organizations and agencies, will host its first annual "NATIONAL NIGHT OUT" in the Takoma-Langley Crossroads on Tuesday, August 7, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at 8011 New Hampshire Avenue (in the parking lot beside the old Toys R Us building). Please join us to increase the community's awareness of crime prevention. The purpose of this event is for citizens to celebrate their community and to take steps to make neighborhoods safer for everyone. Representatives from Montgomery County, Prince George's County, the City of Takoma Park, non-profits, and local businesses will be in attendance the evening of the event. National Night Out activities will include games, a candlelight vigil, face painting, moon bounce and other children's activities, music, and ice cream. Participants will also be able to view the police and public safety vehicles on display from the Montgomery County, Prince George's County and Takoma Park Police Department. Key sponsors of this important annual event will include EI-Zol 99.1 FM Radio and local businesses and organizations. County elected officials, police officers, and representatives of County and municipal agencies are also planning to attend. It is expected that up to 500 people will be in attendance.

Other National Night Out events will be held at: a) VFW, 4th and Orchard Avenues; and, b) Essex House, 7777 Maple Avenue. *(Police)*

**9. Recruitment:** The Takoma Park Police Department recently hired Accreditation Manager Jack Van Wageningen. He began work on July 23. *(Police)*

**10. All the World's a Stage:** The Takoma Park Recreation Department and Public Works staff visited the Montgomery County Recreation Department's warehouse to view a stage that was offered to the City at no charge. The stage is in excellent condition and will be relocated by our Public Works Department within the next few weeks. We appreciate the Montgomery County Recreation Department for donating this stage, which will be used for city festivals and events. *(Recreation)*

**11. Summer Camp:** The Recess Summer Camp put together a play about summertime and camp which was performed on Friday, August 3. The children did an excellent job in preparing for the presentation. Also this week, the children got to make and fly airplanes, tie dye shirts, and travel to NASA-Goddard for a tour. Next week is the last week of camp; the theme is "Wacky Water Week". *(Recreation)*

**12. Resident Survey:** The final draft of the survey has been reviewed and sent to the National Research Center for implementation. Arrangements are being made to announce the survey in the September City Newsletter. The survey will be sent to selected residents soon thereafter. *(Management Assistant)*

**13. Magic in the Air:** The Library's Harry Potter gala, held July 30, drew an estimated 90 enthusiastic participants of all ages. Some came in costume, and all enjoyed a magic show, games, potions, snacks, special effects, and competed for copies of the final book

in the series and CDs. The event was planned by Raphael Grimes, with support from his mother Franca Brilliant, and Children's Librarian Karen MacPherson. Special thanks to them, and also to magician extraordinaire, Lew Morris, Kinetic Artistry, who provided special effects, and the Friends of the Library, who donated the books and CD and contributed toward refreshments. *(Library)*

14. **In Honor Of ...** : Karen MacPherson has been doing weekly programs for participants in the Recreation Department's Summer Camp - both in the Library and at the New Hampshire Recreation Center. The children and staff at the New Hampshire Center gave her a 'thank-you' party on August 1. *(Library)*

15. **On Display:** The Library currently has a display of enlarged "Summer-Quest" characters in the window of the old Talianos. Karen MacPherson, Dave Burbank, and Friends Board member Michele Morgan did the summer reading display, which is attracting attention and comment from shoppers. *(Library)*

16. **The City Library Gives:** Representatives of the non-profit "Children of Ethiopia" have taken leftover cartons of used books from the Friends book sale for their organization, and will send them to benefit schools in that country. *(Library)*

17. **Back to School:** Library Assistant Lucia Acin was one of five national recipients of this year's "Reforma" scholarship, given to Latino and Spanish speaking students who qualify for graduate study in Library Science and who are committed to a career in librarianship. "Reforma" is an affiliate of the American Library Association. *(Library)*

18. **Golfing for Mike:** This year's golf tournament in memory of Takoma Park resident Mike Morrissey will be held on September 17. The Library is seeking prospective players and sponsors for Library staff who will play in the tournament. Anyone interested may contact Ellen Robbins at the Library. All proceeds from the tournament and a silent auction afterwards will benefit the Takoma Park Library. More than \$20,000 has been raised for the Library from the tournaments over the past several years. *(Library)*

18. **Snapshots:** The latest edition of Snapshots is now playing on City TV 13, and is available on the website from a link on the front page of [www.takomaparkmd.gov](http://www.takomaparkmd.gov). Features include: Community Oriented Policing: On The Beat; Community Oriented Policing: Watch Out!; Takoma Park Jazz Fest 2007 Highlights; Thunderbolts Baseball; Crossroads Farmers Market; and Inspired Results. *(City TV)*

19. **Newsletter:** The August Newsletter is also available in print and electronic editions. It is available for viewing on the website at: <http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/news/newsletter/2007/august07.pdf>. Please note that the print edition has some printing errors which were identified after it was delivered to the post office. Staff are working with the printer to assure this glitch, caused by a technical issue, does not recur. *(City TV)*